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AN INCIDENT in which the Opinion of a Popular Composer receives literal illustration by a Prominent Pianist.



After he had heard the Pianola, Moszkowski said:

"Any one hidden in a room near by who will hear the Pianola for the first time will surely think it is a great virtuoso that plays."

The literal truth of this statement was demonstrated recently in an interesting

and very forcible manner. Pugno, the celebrated French pianist and the head of the piano department in the Paris Conservatory, was visiting a gentleman in whose house there was a Pianola. The instrument was in the room next to the one in which M. Pugno was being entertained. Entirely unaware of the presence of the great pianist, the son of the host began playing the Pianola. The piece he had selected was a very difficult composition of Chopin's, and Pugno, after the opening chords, ceased talking and began listening to the music with every evidence of interest and pleasure. He could not see the performer and did not know there was a Pianola in the house, but he could hear and

was attracted by the music. When the playing had ceased, he immediately turned to his host and said, "Who

was that playing? He is really a remarkable performer." To appreciate the full significance of this wonderful tribute to the Pianola, we must remember that Pugno is not only a player of international reputation—he is a teacher of the piano, and at the head of this department of instruction in the largest conservatory in the world. He is accustomed and his ear is trained to listen for every slightest defect in touch, technique, and expression. It is his business to do this. And yet he not only did not know that he was listening to the performance of an automatic instru-

ment, but, on the contrary, he said that the player was a wonderfully fine performer. The young man who played for Pugno was not a musician, and he only did what

any one can do with a Pianola after a few simple lessons. We are demonstrating the possibilities of this remarkable instrument to all who call at our exhibition rooms. We are always glad to show the instrument to any one sufficiently interested to visit us. You need not feel the usual hesitancy about going to see a thing you do not expect to purchase, as we have rooms especially set apart for displaying the Pianola, and employ a large staff of men whose sole duty it is to play the instru-

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and got a line aboard the drifting Roman. WOULDN'T SEND HER TO HOSPITAL. The June stuck to the Jupiter like a close relation, towing her 1,800 miles, into Barbades, paid \$125,000, which is a trifle more than a third of the cost of building the Jupiter, and as the skipper said, if she had been picked up as a dereliet, her owners wouldn't have had anything to show for their investment. The steward got sick and was landed at Barbados, but the skipper and the second | went away, declining to take the woman to engineer came here with the ship.

In the fifteen days of drifting the lonesome trio burned flare lights on deck aft to attract attention. Thus they used up much of the limited supply of oil. At last they were forced to extinguish the lights in the rigging which indicated that the ship was not "under command." Next the port and starboard lights were doused. Only enough oil was left to supply the stove for cooking the food of the three noble Romans. They drifted biindly through calm and storm for several days before the Juno found them. Sons boarded the ship frequently. The engineer and captain stood watches of four hours each at night and the steward did the day tries. The Juno put aboard the Jupiter a carpenter, a donkey engineer and a freman, who helped to keep her hold clear of water. In the long days of drifting the three men lived in the chart room, far above the tumult on the bridge dack. In the fifteen days of drifting the lonesome chart room, far above the tumult on the

bridge deck. COAL LAND SOLD FOR \$450,000. Bought by the Monongahela Coal Company of

Pittsburg-Includes 30.000 Acres. RICHMOND, Va., May 4 - The property of ie Virginia ant Alabama Coal Company, the Virginia and Alabama Coal Company, near Birmingham, Ala, comprising 30,000 ares of coal land, buildnars and maining machiners, has been sold by the owners here to the Mononganela Coal Company of Parsburg for \$450,000. The largest owner was formerly millionaire J. B. Pace of Richmond, but the hoddings have recently passed to the Virginia Trust Company here, whose representatives will go to Pittsburg on Manday to turn over the property to the Monongaheia company.

This is said to be only a small part of recent purchases made by the Monongaheia, and it is alleged that a movement to control all the available coal deposits is on foot by that company.

Appointed to a Place in Columbia's Faculty. Dr. George Herbert Ling, a graduate of Dr. George Herbert Ling, a graduate of the University of Toronto and at present a member of the faculty of Weslevan Uni-versity, has been appointed to the faculty of mathematics at Columbia Dr. Ling took his doctor's degree at Columbia in 1897, and since that time has made important contri-butions to the literature of mathematics concerning the theory of substitution and the theory of numbers.

The Knickerbocker Girl
is a feature of the Wednesday and Saturday Evening Sun interesting to all women.
Read it if you would be well informed.—Adv.

Ambulance Surgeon Crane's Judgment Affected by Outside Interference.

Margaret Brown, 25 years old, a servant, living in Jamaica, was arrested at Concord and Pearl streets, Brooklyn, on Friday afternoon, the police believing her drunk. Later. Ambulance Surgeon Crane of the Brooklyn Hospital was summoned and found that she had a sprained ankle. He fixed it up and the hospital. She was carried to the Adams street police

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